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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
JOSEPH A. FALCONE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a great man, Hon. Joseph A. Falcone, who is retiring after twenty-five years on the bench from his position in the trial courts of his home county of Passaic, New Jersey. He will be honored on April 12, 2011 by his friends and colleagues for his service to his profession and his community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication, commitment and integrity.

Judge Joseph A. Falcone was born in Newark, New Jersey and is a product of that city's public school system. He received a B.A. degree from Rutgers University and went on to receive his J.D. degree from Rutgers-Camden School of Law in 1968. Judge Falcone commenced his legal career as a law secretary before being admitted to the Bar on November 27, 1968.

In September 1969, Judge Falcone was sworn in as an assistant Essex County prosecutor. He served in the appellate and trial section and as the Deputy Director of the City Council Organized Crime Strike Force. In September 1975, the judge was sworn in as the First Assistant Prosecutor for Passaic County. That same month he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

On April 2, 1990, Judge Falcone was given the task of reorganizing the criminal justice system in Essex County. It had been described as "one of the slowest and least efficient of any urban county in the United States" by the National Center for State Courts. The reorganization was an overwhelming success. Five years later, the Justice Management Institute's report said, "Essex County, New Jersey is the scene of one of the most dramatic improvements in the handling of serious criminal cases that has taken place anywhere in the United States in the past thirty years." The feature article described Judge Falcone as "the management wizard of the New Jersey judiciary." He was asked to "repeat the miracle in Passaic County" where he had been transferred in May 1996 to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. On October 3, 1996, Judge Falcone was appointed to serve as the assignment judge for the vicinage.

During this time he authorized the creation of the Village Initiative, which was highly acclaimed. He also addressed and reduced criminal court backlogs and increased efficiency in the court system. A Herald News article of August 1997 noted that Judge Falcone had "made the criminal court system in Passaic County a trim and responsive operation." In 1999, Judge Falcone assumed the position

of Assignment Judge for the Essex Vicinage and again made his mandate to reduce backlogs and improve the efficiency of court operations. During his five-year tenure, both goals were achieved.

While serving as the Assignment Judge in the Essex Vicinage, two significant pilot programs were developed and implemented after approval by the Supreme Court; the Greater Newark Safer Cities Initiative and the License Reinstatement Program. In addition, he authored *In re Fire at Seton Hall University*, 368 N.J.Super. 269 (Law Div. 2003), a mini-treatise on grand jury practice and procedure, which in connection with the Seton Hall fire case, he approved publication of a Grand Jury Presentment, which led to legislation making it mandatory for residential colleges to install fire sprinklers.

From August 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005, Judge Falcone served the Appellate Division. In 2004, he was elected to the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation and inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame. For many years of his twenty-five years on the bench, Judge Falcone served on the Model Criminal Jury Charges Committee as a member and Chair of the Conference of Criminal Presiding Judges, Chair of the Bail Forfeiture Judges Committee, Chair of the Judicial Council's IT Steering Committee, and a member of and in the 2003–2004 the Chair of the Judicial Council.

Since September 2005, Judge Falcone has been assigned to the trial courts; first in the Morris/Sussex Vicinage, and since September 2007 in his home county of Passaic. Judge Falcone resides in Wayne, NJ with Beverly, his wife and best friend for over thirty-two years, and their daughter Larissa.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of community leaders like Judge Falcone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Judge Falcone's family, friends and everyone he has worked with throughout the years and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of the Honorable Joseph A. Falcone.

EDDIE THOMAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eddie Thomas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Eddie Thomas is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Eddie Thomas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eddie Thomas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedi-

cation and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST MR. JOE YING CHIU

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Joe Ying Chiu, who passed away on March 24, 2011 at the age of 76. My heart goes out to his wife, Marilyn; sons Steven and Edward; daughter Carolyn; his four grandchildren; and the rest of his family and friends.

Mr. Chiu was an extraordinary citizen, a role model for community activism and a powerful advocate for the Chinese American community. He was the living embodiment of the American Dream, having been born in China in 1934 and then emigrating to the United States as a "paper son" when he was just a teenager, first arriving in the San Francisco Bay area.

Like most immigrant children, he learned the values of hard work and perseverance at an early age. After meeting his wife Marilyn and marrying her in 1961, he went to work at his father-in-law's meat market in Pasadena, Southern California. It was there that his strong work ethic began paying off, and where he first honed his incredible business acumen.

With the help and support of his father-in-law, he eventually opened his own grocery store in Long Beach in 1967. That store, Hanson's Market, went on to become a fixture in the community and served the neighborhood for 25 years.

It was the beginning of a long career in the grocery business for Joe, who became a successful businessman and eventually owned and operated several different establishments.

After his retirement from the grocery business, Joe was able to focus his energy on a cause that had long been dear to his heart: advocating for the Chinese American community in Los Angeles' Chinatown. With his wife Marilyn, Joe became an active member of the Lung Kong Association, serving in several political offices in the organization.

He went on to become an avid and generous supporter of numerous civic, political and philanthropic events and charities that greatly benefited the Chinese community throughout the United States, China and Taiwan.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Mr. Joe Ying Chiu, for his remarkable service and contributions to our country.

FRANCISCO IBARRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Francisco Ibarra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Francisco Ibarra is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior

High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Francisco Ibarra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Francisco Ibarra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTER
FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY, INC.
AS IT CELEBRATES IT'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Founded and still led by the remarkable Judith Stein, since its inception the Center has grown into an invaluable resource for Medicare recipients as well as legislators and I am proud to say that it all started in Connecticut.

Judy Stein dedicated her professional career to advocacy for the elderly from the very beginning. For 11 years, Judy was the Co-Director of Legal Assistance to Medicare Patients, LAMP, where she managed the first Medicare advocacy program in the country. Throughout her career she has developed and administered Medicare advocacy projects, represented Medicare beneficiaries, produced educational materials, as well as taught and consulted on a variety of Medicare issues. She has also served as lead or co-counsel in federal class action and individual cases challenging improper Medicare policies and denials. To be frank, there are very few in this country who have such a technical or personal understanding of the Medicare program and how it impacts our seniors.

Twenty-five years ago, Judy took all of her experience and passion for advocacy and founded the Center for Medicare Advocacy—an organization that would be dedicated to providing a voice for older Americans and those with disabilities as well as a resource to ensure that they have access to health care financing, necessary care and Medicare. What began as a one-person, one office operation has grown into one of the leading Medicare advocacy organizations in the country. Since it opened its doors, thousands of people have counted on the Center to make sure that they were receiving the benefits that they deserve. Still headquartered in Connecticut, the Center also has an office in Washington, D.C. where they specialize in Medicare and healthcare policy, a data unit in Maine, and attorneys in Arizona, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

Today, as they celebrate their first 25 years, the Center for Medicare Advocacy can be proud of how far the organization has come as

well as the extraordinary impact they have had on our nation's health care policy and, more importantly, in the lives of the many who have sought them out for assistance. I have no doubt that the Center and its dedicated staff will continue in its innovative advocacy, working to both improve our Medicare system as well as the lives of those who turn to them for guidance and support. Happy 25th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success!

EMILY NEWMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emily Newman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emily Newman is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Newman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emily Newman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

THE DIVERSE TEACHERS
RECRUITMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the effort to bring more diversity to our national teaching force.

Striking statistics compiled by the Department of Education show a lack of diversity among teachers. During the 2007–2008 school year, an estimated 7 percent of teachers were African American, 7 percent were Latino, and 1.2 percent were Asian. More than 83 percent of teachers were white. A total of 75.9 percent of teachers were female and only 24.1 percent male.

Some experts believe this lack of diversity leaves some students without an inspiring role model to whom they can relate. The result may be lower test scores and higher drop-out rates within some student demographics.

I am introducing the Diverse Teachers Recruitment Act of 2011 to address this lack of diversity. The legislation provides grants to school districts to create and implement recruitment programs to bring teachers from underrepresented groups into the classroom.

The grantee will track and compile data showing results of the program, including minority teacher recruitment rates. Data will also include the impact on student learning, growth, and attendance rates.

The Department of Education will analyze the programs and disseminate which were effective in recruiting teachers from underrepresented groups. Successful results could be replicated in other school districts.

It is a worthwhile effort to bring teachers from underrepresented groups into our classrooms. This legislation begins a national effort to build a teaching force that reflects the diverse population of the United States to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge consideration of the bill.

DOMINIC GIOVANINI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Giovanini for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominic Giovanini is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SPC. KEITH T. BUZINSKI

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 7, 2011 a Central Florida soldier lost his life in service to our nation from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Logar Province while assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Drum, New York.

Specialist Buzinski joined the U.S. Army in August of 2006. Once he completed his training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, then Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he deployed with his unit in October 2010 after previously serving in Iraq from September 2007 to November 2008.

Specialist Buzinski's impressive list of awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Valorous Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; two Overseas Service Ribbons; NATO Medal; and Combat Infantryman Badge.